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This suggests that whatever restraining influence Gbenye has been wielding over "general" Olenga and other rebel cutthroats is at an end. There has all along been serious doubt that the rebel leaders could restrain their followers.

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3. Sudan: The new cabinet includes several Communists, one of whom is a central committee member. It is not yet definite which ministries they will control.

These people have prevailed over what seems to have been strenuous opposition from more moderate groups. The dominant role they have carved out for themselves will not go down well with some of the military, who probably are already studying what counteraction to take.

About the only concession made to the military in the new set up is the retention of General Abboud as titular head of state and director of military affairs.

Although the civilians have temporarily won out, it should be recalled that they are deeply and bitterly divided on all points except opposition to the military.

4. France-UN:

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5. West Germany - Israel: The West Germans have now publicly confirmed that they have a military aid agreement with Israel and have been helping the Israelis in the atomic energy field.

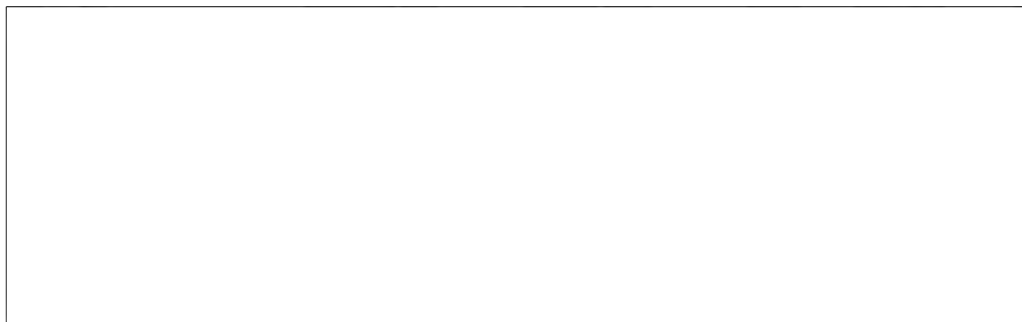
Both programs are of several years' standing and have been surfaced now in an effort to counteract Israel's campaign against German scientists serving the UAR.

6. France-MLF: Ambassador Bohlen believes all indications point to a French program of vigorous opposition to the conclusion of any MLF agreement. Paris is already trying to dissuade the West Germans from joining.

[redacted] the MLF would tend to limit cooperation under the French-German treaty and isolate Germany from other European countries as well as France if it began as a bilateral US-German venture.

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7. Cambodia: Sihanouk remains in a state of mind so belligerent as to seem theatrical. He has been saying he no longer cares whether there are violent demonstrations against the US Embassy, and will not try to restrain his angry public.



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8. Laos: The military situation is generally quiet.

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If the Chinese do indeed have a second test in the works. [REDACTED] 50X1

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also want to lessen the damage it might do to them at the second "Bandung" conference scheduled for Algiers next spring.

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10. USSR: It is beginning to look as if the new leaders in Moscow will persist with the meeting of Communist parties scheduled for 15 December.

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[redacted] Moscow can hardly find appetizing the prospect of canceling or even postponing the meeting, which Khrushchev laid on with so much fanfare. The Chinese would surely play such action as a major Soviet defeat.

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11. East Germany: Ulbricht's party is apparently having trouble adjusting to the recent changes in Moscow.

Although the politburo issued a qualified endorsement of the Moscow shift on 17 October and was to meet again on 26 October, no public announcement has resulted. A central committee meeting may have taken place on Thursday.

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- 12 Cuba: The shift from island-wide SAM coverage to point coverage is nearing completion. We expect the last sites to be relocated, those in the eastern part of the island, will be moved [redacted]

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The advantage of the new set-up is that it will improve the Cubans' ability to handle multiple targets over the main military and urban centers.

13. UN Arrearages: There is an increasing disposition to put this problem on ice. One of the Soviets attached to the UN Secretariat, for example, has suggested private US-USSR talks on the matter over several months.

Several of the nonaligned governments are planning to move for adjournment of the assembly session if the arrears problem has not been settled by opening day.

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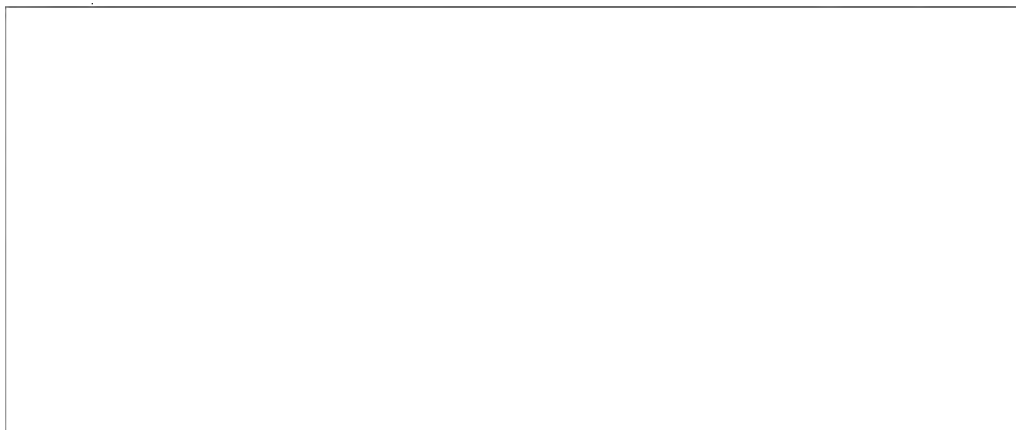
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showed a 70-foot missile erected at one of the
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Mission [] 2 showed that it had either
been fired or removed []. The mis-
sile was missing, but propellant vehicles and
an erector were grouped on the pad in a manner
similar to that which we have noted at Kapustin
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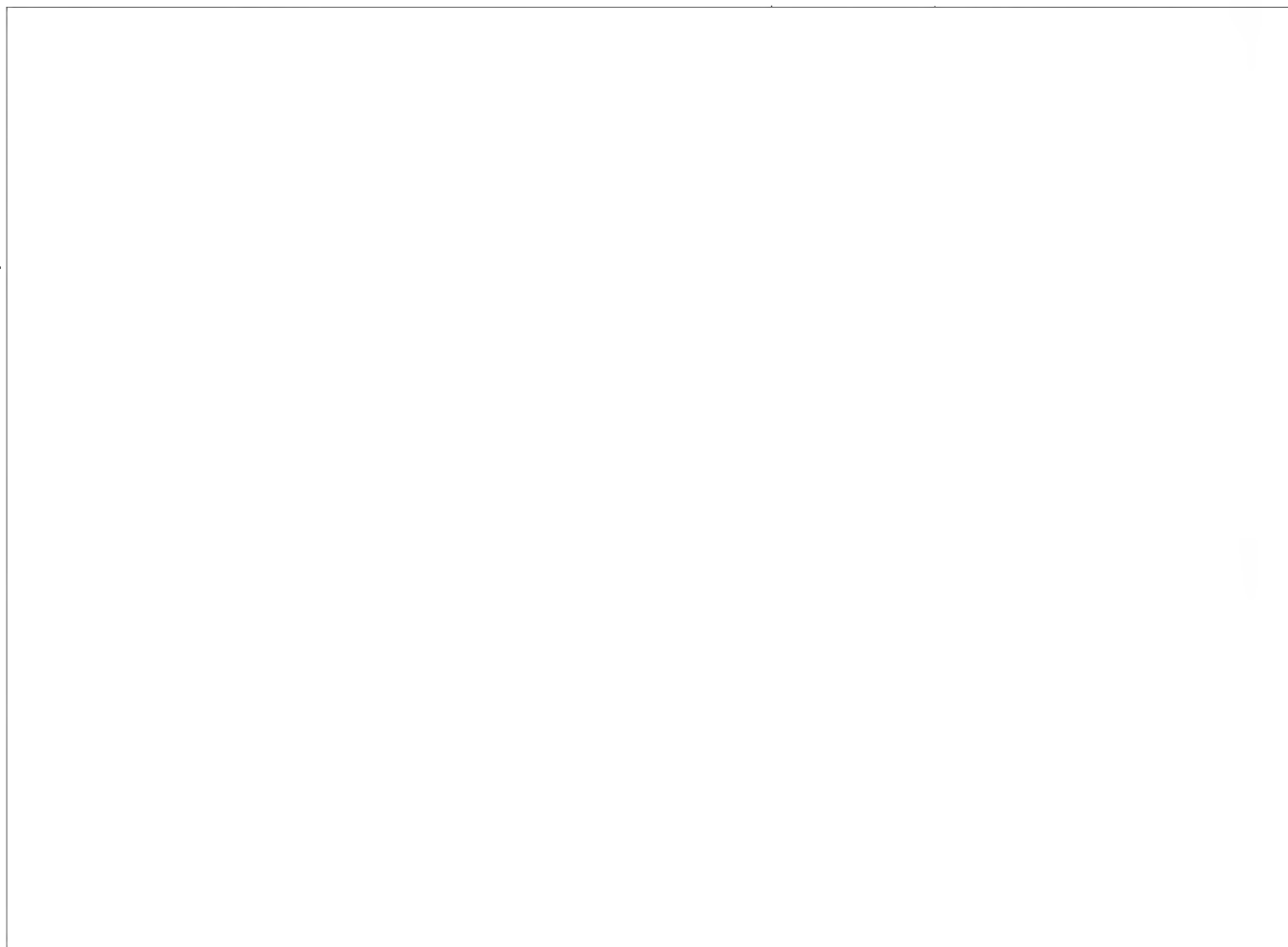
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